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Peterson[1] as being represented by specimens in the Natural History Museum at Hamburg. An analysis gave :

| $SiO_2$ | $Al_2O_3$ | FeO | MnO | MgO | CaO | $K_2O$ | $Na_2O$ | $H_2O$ | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 76.68 | 14.49 | 1.09 | tr. | .84 | 1.53 | 1.20 | 3.92 | .36 | = 100.11 |

The rock is a colorless glass containing numerous globulites, etc., arranged in flowage lines.

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## GEOGRAPHY.

**Map of Alaska.** — There has recently been published, by the United States Geological Survey, a *Map of Alaska*, on a scale of 1 : 3,600,000. The map is printed in colors, showing the location of gold and coal, and the distribution of principal gold-bearing series. There are also inserted a map of the principal trails to the headwaters of the Yukon and a map of the Klondike Gold Region, both on a scale of 1 : 1,447,000. A descriptive text contains sketches of the geography and geology of Alaska, with an account of the gold fields and the routes to them.

**The German Deep-Sea Expedition.** — We copy from the *Geographical Journal* the following account of this expedition up to last November :

"The German Deep-Sea Expedition of 1898 started under the most favorable auspices as regards the vessel itself, the arrangements made to adapt it for carrying on deep-sea investigations, and for the accommodation of the members of the scientific staff, and the apparatus and appliances to be used in carrying on the work, which are of the latest and most approved description. The 'Valdivia' is about the same size as H. M. S. 'Challenger'; she steams 10 to 11 knots; the bacteriological, chemical, and biological laboratories and workrooms are commodious and well fitted up; the cabins occupied by the scientific staff are large and handsome, the principal cabin containing a splendid scientific library, including a complete set of the *Challenger Reports*, and there is ample accommodation for storing the marine and other collections made throughout the cruise.

"Prof. Carl Chun, professor of zoology in the University of Leipzig, the originator and leader of the expedition, is accompanied by a staff of eleven scientific men, to assist him in carrying on the various

[1] Brauns, R. *Neues Jahrb. f. Min.* etc., vol. ii (1888), p. 156.